

II. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A dietary supplement composition for a mammal, comprising a nutritionally effective amount of β -glucan, colostrum, lactoferrin, citrus pectin and six or more essential saccharides ~~a complex of essential saccharides~~.

2-7. (Cancelled).

8. (Previously Presented) The dietary supplement composition of claim 1 wherein said mammal is a human.

9. (Previously Presented) The dietary supplement composition of claim 1 wherein said composition comprises from about 5 to about 83.3 weight percent of said colostrum, from about 0.909 to about 6.67 weight percent of said lactoferrin, from about 0.1 to about 1.25 weight percent of said citrus pectin, and from about 0.001 to about 10 weight percent of said β -glucan.

10. (Previously Presented) The dietary supplement composition of claim 1 further comprising a nutritionally effective amount of citric acid.

11. (Previously Presented) The dietary supplement composition of claim 10, wherein said composition comprises from about 0.25 to about 2.4 weight percent of said citric acid.

12. (Currently amended) The dietary supplement composition of claim 1 further comprising ~~a nutritionally effective amount of citric acid~~, dextrose, magnesium stearate, silicon dioxide and stearic acid.

13. (Previously Presented) The dietary supplement composition of claim 12, wherein said composition comprises from about 0.25 to about 2.4 weight percent of said citric acid, from about 35.8 to about 88.3 weight percent of said dextrose, from about 0.25 to about 1.5 weight percent of said magnesium stearate, from about 0.25 to about 1.5 weight percent of said silicon dioxide, and about 1.67 to about 2.5 weight percent of said stearic acid.

14. (Previously Presented) The dietary supplement composition of claim 12, further comprising one or more of a nutritionally acceptable carrier, diluent or flavoring.

15. (Previously Presented) The dietary supplement composition of claim 13, further comprising a flavoring in an amount of about 0.15 to about 1.31 weight percent.

16. (Previously Presented) The dietary supplement composition of claim 1 wherein said composition is prepared in a chewable delivery system.

17. (Previously Presented) The dietary supplement composition of claim 14 wherein said composition comprises about 9.63 weight percent of said colostrum, about 0.642 weight percent of said lactoferrin, about 0.321 weight percent of said citrus pectin, about 1.28 weight percent of said β -glucan, about 0.626 weight percent of said citric acid, about 83.3 weight percent of said dextrose, about 0.482 weight percent of said magnesium stearate, about 0.482 weight percent of said silicon dioxide, about 1.93 weight percent of said stearic acid, and about 1.31 weight percent of said nutritionally acceptable carrier, diluent, or flavoring.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The dietary supplement composition of claim 1, wherein the complex of essential saccharides comprises saccharides provided in oligomeric or polymeric forms as found in: gum tragacanth, guar gum, grain flour, rice flour, sugar cane, beet sugar, potato, milk, agar, algin, locust bean gum, psyllium, karaya gum, seed gums, Larch tree extract, aloe vera extract, gum ghatti, starch, cellulose, degraded cellulose, fructose, high fructose corn syrup, pectin, chitin, acacia, gum arabic, alginic acid, carrageenan, dextran, xanthan gum, chondroitin sulfate, sucrose, acetylated polymannose, maltose, glucan, lentinan, mannan, levan, hemi-cellulose, inulin, fructan, and lactose.

20-27. (Cancelled).

28. (New) A dietary supplement composition consisting essentially of nutritionally effective amounts of β -glucan, colostrum, lactoferrin and citrus pectin.

29. (New) The dietary supplement composition of claim 28, wherein said composition comprises from about 5 to about 83.3 weight percent of said colostrum, from about 0.909 to about 6.67 weight percent of said lactoferrin, from about 0.1 to about 1.25 weight percent of said citrus pectin, and from about 0.001 to about 10 weight percent of said β -glucan.
30. (New) The dietary supplement composition of claim 28, further comprising a nutritionally effective amount of citric acid.
31. (New) The dietary supplement composition of claim 28, further comprising a nutritionally effective amount of about 0.25 to about 2.4 weight percent of citric acid.
32. (New) The dietary supplement composition of claim 28, further comprising dextrose, magnesium stearate, silicon dioxide and stearic acid.
33. (New) The dietary supplement composition of claim 28, wherein the composition comprises from about 0.25 to about 2.4 weight percent citric acid, from about 35.8 to about 88.3 weight percent dextrose, from about 0.25 to about 1.5 weight percent magnesium stearate, from about 0.25 to about 1.5 weight percent silicon dioxide, and about 1.67 to about 2.5 weight percent stearic acid.
34. (New) The dietary supplement composition of claim 28, further comprising one or more of a nutritionally acceptable carrier, diluent or flavoring.
35. (New) The dietary supplement composition of claim 28, further comprising a flavoring in an amount of about 0.15 to about 1.31 weight percent.
36. (New) The dietary supplement composition of claim 28, wherein said composition is prepared in a chewable delivery system.
37. (New) The dietary supplement composition of claim 28, wherein said composition comprises about 9.63 weight percent of said colostrum, about 0.642 weight percent of said lactoferrin, about 0.321 weight percent of said citrus pectin, about 1.28 weight percent of said β -glucan, about 0.626 weight percent citric acid, about 83.3 weight percent dextrose, about 0.482 weight percent magnesium stearate, about 0.482 weight percent silicon dioxide, about 1.93

weight percent of said stearic acid, and about 1.31 weight percent of said nutritionally acceptable carrier, diluent, or flavoring.

38. (New) The dietary supplement composition of claim 28, further consisting essentially of six or more essential saccharides provided in oligomeric or polymeric form as found in: gum tragacanth, guar gum, grain flour, rice flour, sugar cane, beet sugar, potato, milk, agar, algin, locust bean gum, psyllium, karaya gum, seed gums, Larch tree extract, aloe vera extract, gum ghatti, starch, cellulose, degraded cellulose, fructose, high fructose corn syrup, pectin, chitin, acacia, gum arabic, alginic acid, carrageenan, dextran, xanthan gum, chondroitin sulfate, sucrose, acetylated polymannose, maltose, glucan, lentinan, mannan, levan, hemi-cellulose, inulin, fructan, and lactose.